

Shanghai an Important Consulate.
The United States Consulate in Shanghai is one of the most important in the Far East, if not in the world. Diplomatically, it ranks with that of London, Liverpool, Paris, St. Petersburg, Rio Janeiro, Calcutta and Hong Kong. This consulate comprises a small world within itself, presided over by the Consul-General, who is head and chief, whose word is law; whose official ultimatum, in many important emergencies, is decisive, and to whom obedience is yielded without question.—The Chautauquan.



"If you send me anything just as good as Ayer's," I shall send it right back.

"I might afford to experiment with shoe polish, but I can't and won't experiment with the medicine which means sickness or health to me."

J. C. AYER COMPANY,
Practical Chemists, Lowell, Mass.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla
Ayer's Hair Vigor
Ayer's Pills
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
Ayer's Ointment



Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup
Cures a cough or cold at once. Conquers croup, bronchitis, whooping cough, and consumption. 25c.

Don'ts.

Don't take the measure of a child's memory by his stature, you may get badly fooled.

Don't expect a man to be pleasant before he has his eyes well open in the morning.

Don't tell wifed dreams before little ones, lest the "goblin's ketch" 'em.

Poor little midgets!

Don't talk to the postman about your affairs; other people are anxious for their mail.

Don't run up huge "store bills," then be as mad as a hornet when they are sent in for settlement.

Don't send the Kidlets to school full of home cares—this is too often the case.

Don't write for a man to come and "give estimates" unless you expect to buy some time within five years.

Don't be too artistic to be comfortable. Be comfortable first, afterward decorative.—Philadelphia Record.

WOMEN MUST SLEEP.

Avoid Nervous Prostration.

If you are dangerously sick what is the first duty of your physician? He quiets the nervous system, he deadens the pain, and you sleep well. Friends ask, "what is the cause?" and the answer comes in pitying tones, nervous prostration. It came upon you so quietly in the beginning, that you were not alarmed, and when sleep deserted you, you were not in the darkness, then you tossed in nervous agony praying for sleep.



Mrs. A. Hartley.

You ought to have known that when you ceased to be regular in your courses, and you grew irritable without cause, that there was serious trouble somewhere.

You ought to know that indigestion, exhaustion, womb displacements, fainting, dizziness, headache, and backache send the nerves wild with affliction, and you cannot sleep.

Mrs. Hartley, of 221 W. Congress St., Chicago, Ill., whose portrait we publish, suffered all these agonies, and was entirely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; her case should be a warning to others, and her cure carry conviction to the minds of every suffering woman of the unparalleled efficiency of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Don't ruin your stomach with medicine. **Hunyadi Janos** is a natural laxative mineral water. Endorsed and used by the most prominent physicians in the world as the best and safest remedy for disordered stomach, biliousness, liver troubles, gout and rheumatism. It cures constipation! Take one-half glassful on arising in the morning and you will feel the remarkable effects in half an hour. For the full name and address, look at the label. **ASK** for the full name and address, **LOOK** at the label. Sole Exporter, Firm of Address Saxlehner, 120 Fulton St., N. Y.

Servant Girls in London.
Women who live in flats in London are finding it almost impossible to employ servants, because they are so completely isolated from the outside world. The kitchen is usually the most airless room in the apartments, and fewer evenings out are given than in this country. There is no opportunity for flirting over the gate with the policeman, nor chance for entertaining the market boys, and rather than forego these privileges the girls prefer harder work and longer hours somewhere else.

When a poet falls in love with a girl it is natural that he should run to metre.

PETAN FADELESS DYES are fast to sunlight, washing and rubbing. Sold by all druggists.

There are ordinarily from thirty to forty varieties of fish in the Honolulu market. A large percentage of the natives make their living by fishing.

Best For the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASCARETS help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. CASCARETS Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C.C.O. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

This year's list of accidents in the Alps numbers seventy-nine, of which fifty-three resulted in instant death.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, vs. FRANK J. CONROY.

FRANK J. CONROY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CONROY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 10th day of December, 1900. A. W. GILSON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. Sold by Druggists, 75c. F. J. CONROY & Co., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Snails, by means of an acid which they exude, contrive to bore holes in solid limestone.

Ery's Vermifuge

Saves the lives of children. 25c. Druggists and country stores, or by mail. E. S. FAY, Baltimore, Md.

Some men are more polished than their shoes would indicate.

Don't drink too much water when exercising. Adams' Peppin Tutti Frutti is an excellent substitute.

When a man invests in mines he sometimes comes out minus.

I am sure Pilo's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Miss THOS. ROBINSON, Maple St., Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

To be minutely accurate, a man loses time every time he looks at a clock.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 50c a bottle.

A factory for liquid air is being erected at Los Angeles, Cal., for refrigerating purposes.

There is no other ink "just as good" as Carter's Ink. There is only one ink that is best of all and that is Carter's Ink. Use it!

Silk dresses were worn in China 4500 years ago.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Royalty Are Heavily Insured.

The lives of European potentates generally are heavily insured. While many of them enjoy practically unlimited incomes during their lives, they are unable to bequeath anything except to their eldest sons. Insurance gives them the opportunity of making some provision for their younger sons and daughters. Napoleon III. of France was insured for a fabulous sum, and it is due to his foresight that the ex-Empress Eugenie will leave when she dies \$10,000,000 to Prince Victor Napoleon. The late King Humbert of Italy was more heavily insured than any monarch since that day. No less than \$6,000,000 was paid over to Queen Margherita. Scarcely a single English insurance company was without some interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's life, and now the huge sum of \$1,500,000 will have to come out of the coffers of these societies. The Prince of Wales's policies amount to \$3,000,000, while the Czar of Russia is insured for \$2,000,000. One million dollars is at stake on the life of Prince Henry of Prussia; \$1,500,000 upon that of the Baron de Rothschild, of London. Queen Victoria, as might be supposed, has been a veritable gold mine to insurance companies owing to her long life.

Sugar in France Little Used.

One reason why the French people consume so little sugar is because their ways of living require less of that article. For the great mass of the French people breakfast consists of a bowl of soup, which is also frequently a part of the other two meals. They make neither preserves nor cake in the family. The usual desert is fruit and cheese. The high tax of five cents per pound on sugar is pretty fully paid by the well-to-do people who live in the cities, and who take coffee or chocolate for breakfast and a small cup of black coffee after dinner.—Consul John C. Covert.

Still Waiting.

Towne—"Colonel Bluff told me he had spoken to the Governor about a job for you."

Brown—"Yes, that was some time ago."

Towne—"Didn't his influence have any weight with the Governor?"

Brown—"I guess it had wait enough, judging from results."—Philadelphia Press.



THE EDICTS OF FASHION.

New York City.—The popularity of the bolero appears to increase as the season advances. In its latest form it is collarless and includes elbow



PEASANT WAIST WITH BOLERO AND GIRDLLE.

sleeves. For afternoon wear it is made of velvet cloth and taffeta, and is worn over a waist of soft silk. For morning wear it is shown in French flannel, and is worn over an unlined waist of the same or of figured India surah, as preferred. The May Manton model shown is in Russian green broadcloth, with the waist of soft finished taffeta in a harmonizing lighter shade with girdle, collar and cuffs of velvet in a shade deeper than the cloth. The bolero is edged with a band of the material machine stitched and has a trimming of small gold buttons arranged in groups.

New Use For Ermine Tails.

It is not an unfamiliar sight to see mink tails wired up to serve as an aigrette on winter toques. A new use has been found for ermine tails. They are placed on the under side of the brim of a picture hat, not in front, but at the side. The brim is slightly raised on the side where the tails are applied. Three is the number used. They are arranged with the tips of the tails pointing upward toward the front. Be careful to observe, this slant if you have a picture hat trimmed in this new way.

A Striking Costume.

It is a novel fancy to adorn a velvet gown with strips of cloth of the same color applied with rows of machine stitching. The strappings of cloth are applied to the velvet around the arm, high up on the sleeve near the shoulder, and on the bodice where your pleasure suggests. The skirt, as a rule, is free from such adornment when it is a velvet gown. The cut of a velvet skirt is more important than any other feature. "Cloth-cut work" is sometimes used on a velvet skirt, but not strappings of cloth.

The Flare Reduced.

It is noticeable that on new models of winter jackets or winter capes and cloaks the collar is carefully cut, so that the flare is much reduced from its former proportions. This looks better when the jacket is seen from the side or from the rear.

Woman's Russian Waist.

Russian styles are always comfortable and desirable, and are, just now, in the height of style. The smart May Manton example illustrated is a waist at once simple and extremely tasteful.



WOMAN'S WORK GOWN.

entirely separated from the waist, and includes a smooth back and fronts fitted with single darts. The sleeves are one-seamed, and are shaped at the lower edge where they are faced and turned over to form cuffs or allowed to fall in bell style, as preferred.

To cut this waist for a woman of medium size, three and three-eighths yards of material twenty-one inches wide, two and three-quarter yards, twenty-seven inches wide, or one and one-eighth yard, forty-four inches wide, will be required, with two yards of material twenty-one inches wide, one and a half yard twenty-seven inches wide, or one yard forty-four or fifty inches wide, for bolero. and one yard of bias velvet for girdle, turn-over collar and cuffs.

Gown For Housework.

Every woman who is called upon to perform such household tasks as dusting and the like recognizes the necessity for a suitable gown. The May Manton design illustrated in the large cut is essentially practicable and is so completely simple as to commend itself at a glance. Preferably it is made of washable stuff, such as percale, in order that it may be laundered and made fresh at need; but flannelette is entirely suitable when greater warmth is required, as is any inexpensive light-weight woolen material. With the gown should be worn the simplest of neckties and belts.

The waist is in Spencer style, and differs from a shirt waist in extending to the waist line only. The back fits smoothly across the shoulders and is drawn down at the waist. The fronts are gathered at the neck and again at the waist line, and the entire lower edge of the waist is attached to the upper edge of the belt. The sleeves are in bishop style and are finished with pointed cuff bands that lap over at the seam and hook invisibly into place. At the neck is a shapely standing collar. The waist is closed at the front with buttons and buttonholes. The skirt is cut in five gored and falls only to the floor. It fits smoothly across the front and about the

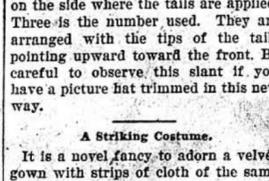
hips, and is arranged in gathers at the back. The placket is made at the left front seam, where it closes invisibly, and the upper edge of the skirt is attached to the lower edge of the belt, the left half of the front gore being attached to the extra portion and hooked over into place.

To cut this gown for a woman of medium size seven and a half yards of material twenty-seven inches wide, seven yards thirty-two inches wide, or six yards forty-two inches wide, will be required.

QUICK-BOILING KETTLE.

The Active Heating Surface Increased by Novel Design.

The gas stove, by means of its instantaneous fire, has already saved many hours in the kitchen, and the quick-boiling kettle illustrated here—



HOT WATER KETTLE WITH HOT AIR TUBES

which is designed to further expedite cooking operations dependent on a quick supply of hot water. The ordinary kettle heats water most rapidly when it is made of copper and has a large fire surface. In the kettle here shown this heating surface is further increased by four taper tubes, large at the bottom and small at the top, which pass through the body of the kettle. These act as flues for the hot gases, and, as the water in the kettle is in contact with their sides, they act as so much heating surface. It is asserted that a kettle of this design, even when made of iron, under the same conditions of fire, will bring a given quantity of water to the boiling point in one-half the time that an ordinary copper kettle requires.

The Medicinal Value of Spiders.

In some out-of-the-way districts in the south of Ireland spiders are highly esteemed in the treatment of croup. The peasants get from an old wall the webs of seven black spiders—two of which must have been the owners sitting in the middle. The insects are killed, and are sprinkled with a little powdered alum. The resulting mixture must then be boiled, and when cool the liquid is poured down the throat of the patient.

Black spiders are evidently regarded to be full of medicinal virtue, for they are largely employed in the treatment of ague as well. In Somersetshire, if one is afflicted with this unpleasant ailment, the way to get well is to shut up a large black spider in a box and leave it there until it dies. At the moment of its decease the ague should disappear. In Cornwall the treatment is more heroic. The patient must swallow the spider, which is generally taken in thick gruel.

In the extreme north of Scotland spiders' webs are believed to be a cure for neuralgia and toothache. The webs are collected and made into a small poultice, which is applied to the spot where the pain is felt.—Answers.

The Age of Paper.

The Chinese claim to have made paper 12,000 years ago, and though it cannot be proved whether this is right or 'not, the fact remains that as far back as 712 B. C. the Saracens in Spain made a kind of paper from various fibers, especially from the fibers of the cotton trees. This paper resembles very much the ancient Chinese paper. In the library of the Vatican in Rome there are some old edicts which, some 1400 years ago, were written on similar paper. Up to our times more than 700 different materials have been used in the manufacture of paper.

In Doubt.

"How is my son getting on?" inquired the boy's father.

"I can't speak as approvingly as I'd like to," answered the instructor.

"Whenever I ask him a question he wants at least a day to look up the answer, and when he gets it it is usually unsatisfactory."

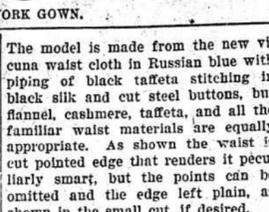
"Well," answered the parent, with a sigh, "time alone can tell. I suppose he will turn out to be either a great diplomat or no good on earth."—Washington Star.

Snakes as Domestic Animals.

There are perhaps in no other country of the world so many rats as in Japan. The wooden buildings with their straw roofs offer the best lurking places for them. Whilst we use dogs and cats to get rid of the rats, the Japanese employ for the same purpose a certain kind of snake, the "dodaisho," a blue-green viper. They are sometimes as long as seven feet, and are said to be the best rat catchers in the world.

Ancestor of the Tomato.

In the Botanic Garden of the University



WILD TOMATO.

Much of the bread eaten by the Chinese is first boiled, and then browned by baking.

Beware of Them

There are two afflictions which perhaps give the most pain and trouble, viz:

Sciatica and **Lumbago**

Both disable and cripple, but

St. Jacobs Oil

is their best cure.

An eminent Italian doctor has been experimenting with the inhalation of petroleum fumes in cases of whooping cough, and has obtained good results.

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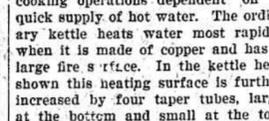
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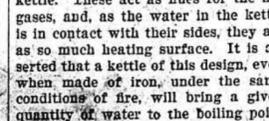
The Perfect Typewriter Girl. It is possible for a typewriter to win business confidence from her employer and to become almost indispensable to the house she works for, and she ought to aim at this. Accuracy and common sense in her work must be supplemented by another quality, however, or she will never succeed. The other quality is absolute silence about what she knows as a confidential employe. The gossip about business matters is inexcusable—in fact, a breach of trust. I am afraid too many girls forget this fact.—Success.

ST. VITUS' DANCE

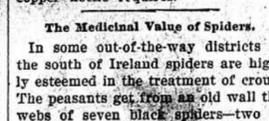
Three great and complete cures effected by Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy.



LULU FERRE



CORA LEARMONTH



GRACIE BAILEY

Mrs. J. A. Ferre, who resides near 905 Main Street, Hartford, Conn., says:

"My daughter Lulu became very ill with St. Vitus' dance over a year ago. She became so bad that she lost the use of her right arm and side, and we thought at times she would lose her speech. After long and fruitless treatment she was so bad she could not feed herself, and at night she would get so nervous I had to sit and hold her. I tried several doctors, but they did not do her any good. I did not find anything that would help her until I tried Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy. She is now by the use of this medicine, entirely cured."

C. H. Bailey, Esq., of Waterbury, Vt., writes:

"I am more than glad to write about my little daughter. Until a short time ago she had a St. Vitus' dance, and was so bad that she could not walk, and she was very nervous. Learning of the wonderful cures effected by Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy, I determined to give it to her. She soon commenced to improve under its use, and rapidly gained in every respect. She eats and sleeps well, and her nerves are strong. The medicine has cured her of St. Vitus' dance, blood and nerve remedy, to everybody."

Mrs. J. Learmonth, of 776 Broadway, South Boston, Mass., says:

"At ten years of age my daughter became afflicted with a nervous condition which soon developed into St. Vitus' dance. It was pronounced by the attending physician to be a very severe attack. The month would be drawn spasmodically far to one side, the hands and arms were spasmodically and constantly twitching. Her limbs also were weak; her ankles bent under her so that she could almost lie flat on her back. She was so nervous that she would scream almost like a maniac. After two months' treatment without a cure, I concluded to try Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy. Three bottles entirely cured her. She is now well, and has been well ever since, and to-day is a picture of health."

OSBORNE'S REMEDY

FOR THE CURE OF THE NEWSPAPER MAN'S FAVORITE SCHOOL OF DEPORTMENT.

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Builds Run in This Family. The remark sometimes is heard, "Suicide runs in this family." Especially applicable is this saying in the case of a family in Milan which was related to the famous Italian composer Rossini. There were nine persons in the family a few years ago. One by one the whole family has committed suicide. The great tragedy began some time ago, when one of the daughters took her own life, and ended a few days ago, when the mother threw herself from a fourth-story window and was picked up dead.

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